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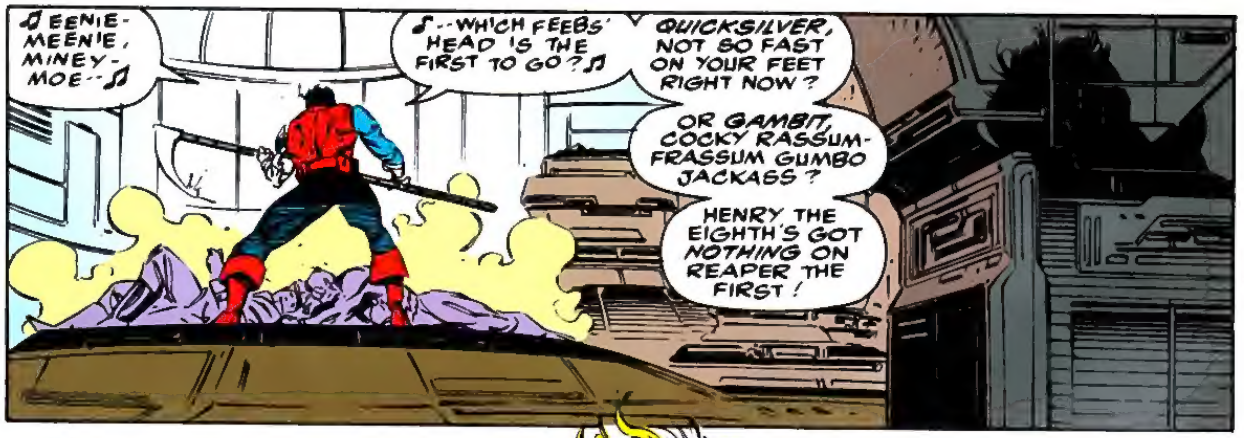
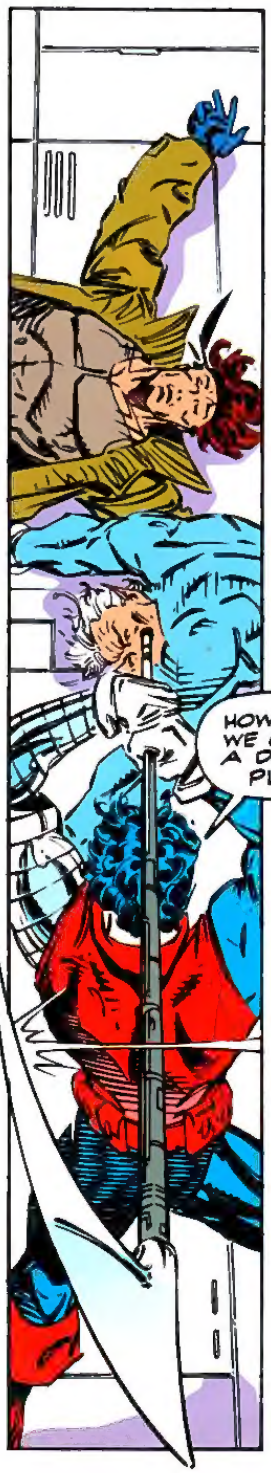

♫ EENIE-MEENIE, MINEY-MOE--♫
♪--WHICH FEEBS' HEAD IS THE FIRST TO GO?♫
QUICKSILVER, NOT SO FAST ON YOUR FEET RIGHT NOW?
OR GAMBIT, COCKY RASSUM-FRASSUM GUMBO JACKASS?
HENRY THE EIGHTH'S GOT NOTHING ON REAPER THE FIRST!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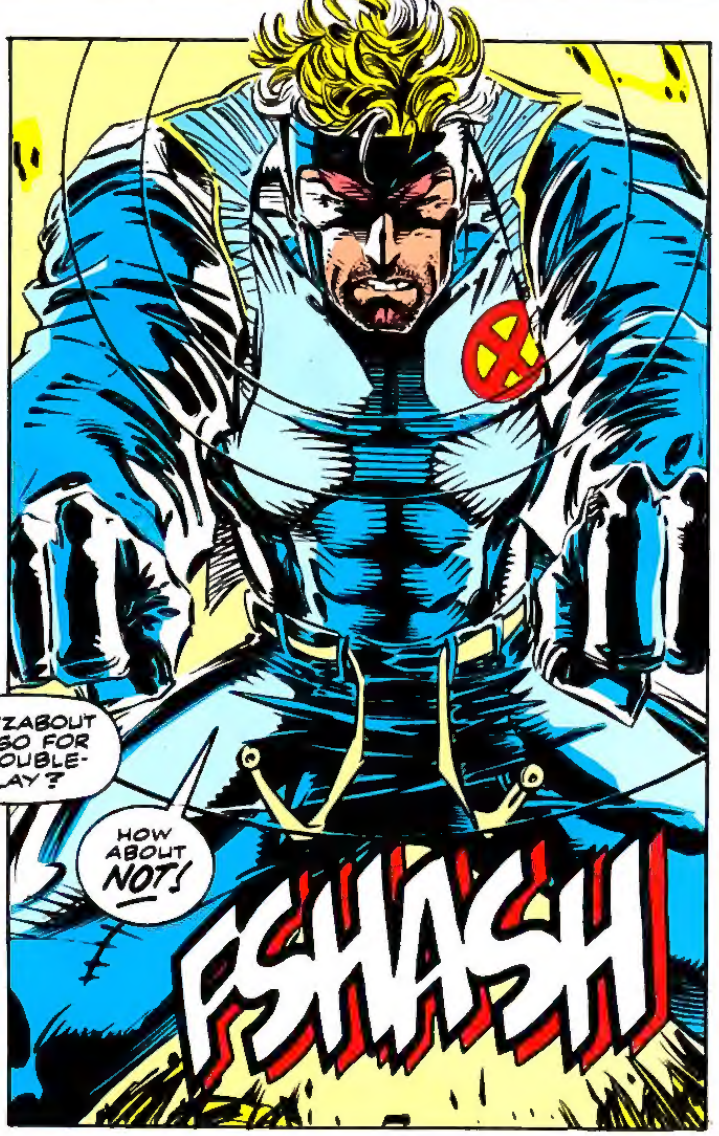
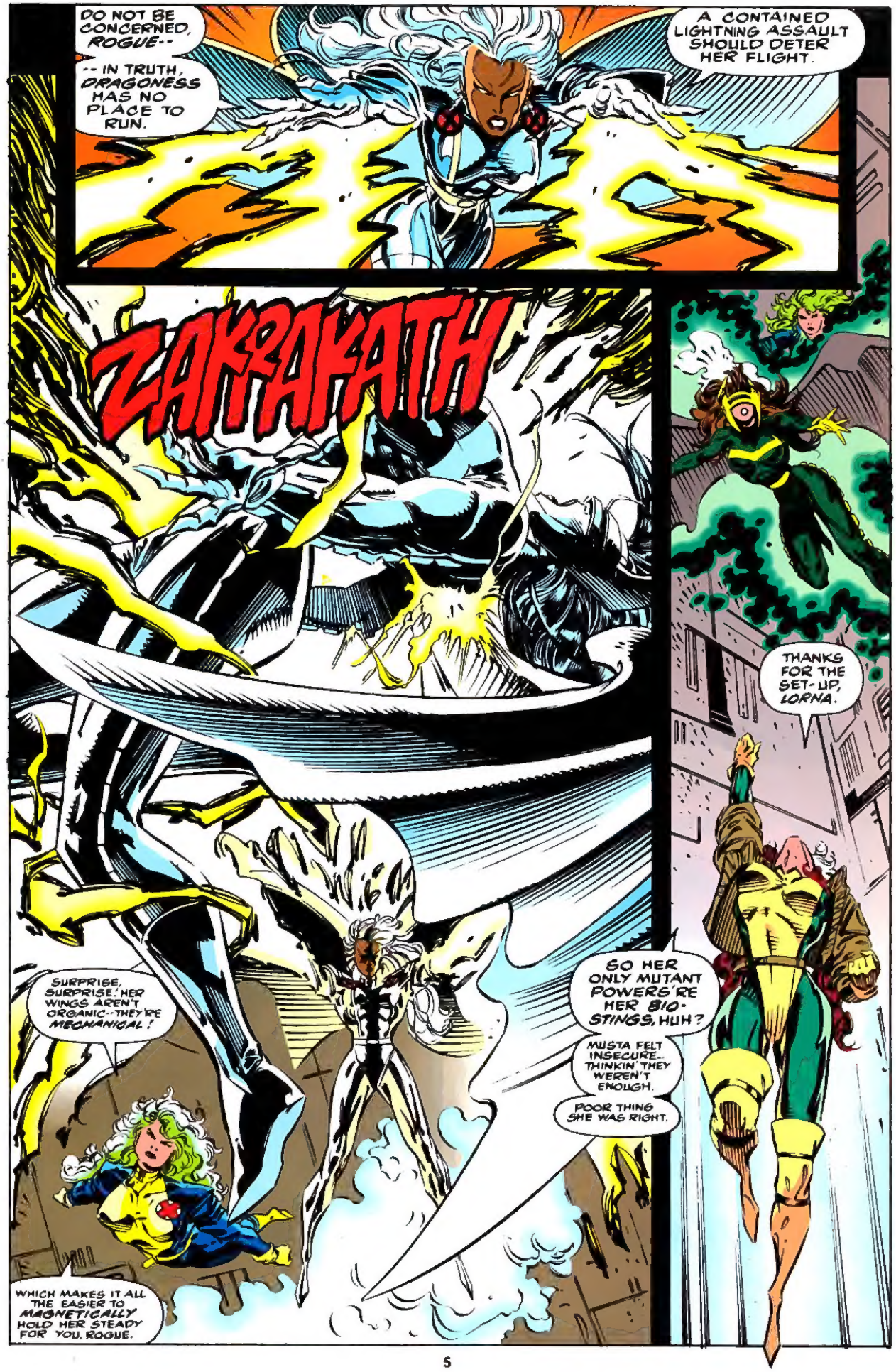

HOW ABOUT NOT!
FSHASH

FSSHKSH
THUNK

UH-OH. ;sniff sniff;
PLASMA SMELL. SCYTHE'S A WASTE.
NOT EVEN BOB VILLA COULD SAVE IT.
UHM... HAVOK, OL' PAL, WHAT SAY WE DISCUSS THIS...

FZZZK
I'M SURE ALEX WOULD SAY WHAT IS ON ALL OUR MINDS RIGHT NOW, REAPER--
--THAT THE TIME FOR TALK IS LONG OVER!
YEAH, WELL, NICE POSE, AN' ALL, PSYLOCKE--
--BUT AFTER PSI-BLADIN' HIM--
--THERE AIN'T MUCH ON REAP'S MIND AT ALL. 'KAY?
AN' WON'T BE ON YOURS EITHER, UNLESS YOU--
--AWOUR...
--DUCK!!
PHWUM
PHWUM
PHWUM

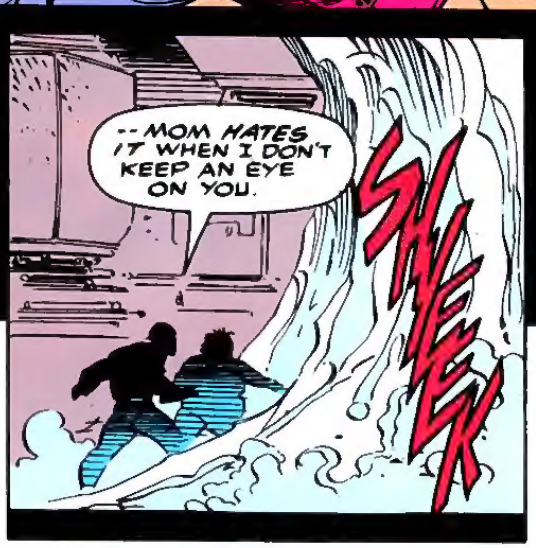
MY THANKS, BOOMER.
I HADN'T SEEN FOREARM APPROACHING.
NO PROB, PSYLOCKE.
I KNOW HOW TOUGH IT IS-- FOR ALL THAT NINJA TRAININ'-- T'SPOT THOSE SNEAKY FOUR-ARMED GUYS.
THE SARCASM IS DULY NOTED, CHILD.
BUT PART OF A WARRIOR'S TRAINING IS LEARNING TO WORK IN CONCERT WITH THEIR COMRADES.
THEREFORE, YOUR PLASMA BOMBS RENDER FOREARM--
--OPEN TO THIS!!
KRAKT
ALEX, HOW FARE OUR AIRBORNE COMRADES?
LET'S JUST WORRY ABOUT THE MLF'S GROUND FORCES FOR NOW, BETSY...
ORORO, YOU'RE CLOSEST--!
..'CAUSE I THINK WE'VE GOT OUR TOPSIDES COVERED PRETTY WELL.
NAIL 'ER, STORM!


DO NOT BE CONCERNED, ROGUE--
-- IN TRUTH, DRAGONESS HAS NO PLACE TO RUN.
A CONTAINED LIGHTNING ASSAULT SHOULD DETER HER FLIGHT.
ZAKKAKATH
THANKS FOR THE SET-UP, LORNA.
SURPRISE, SURPRISE! HER WINGS AREN'T ORGANIC--THEY'RE MECHANICAL!
SO HER ONLY MUTANT POWERS'RE HER BIO-STINGS, HUH?
MUSTA FELT INSECURE... THINKIN' THEY WEREN'T ENOUGH.
POOR THING SHE WAS RIGHT.
WHICH MAKES IT ALL THE EASIER TO MAGNETICALLY HOLD HER STEADY FOR YOU, ROGUE.

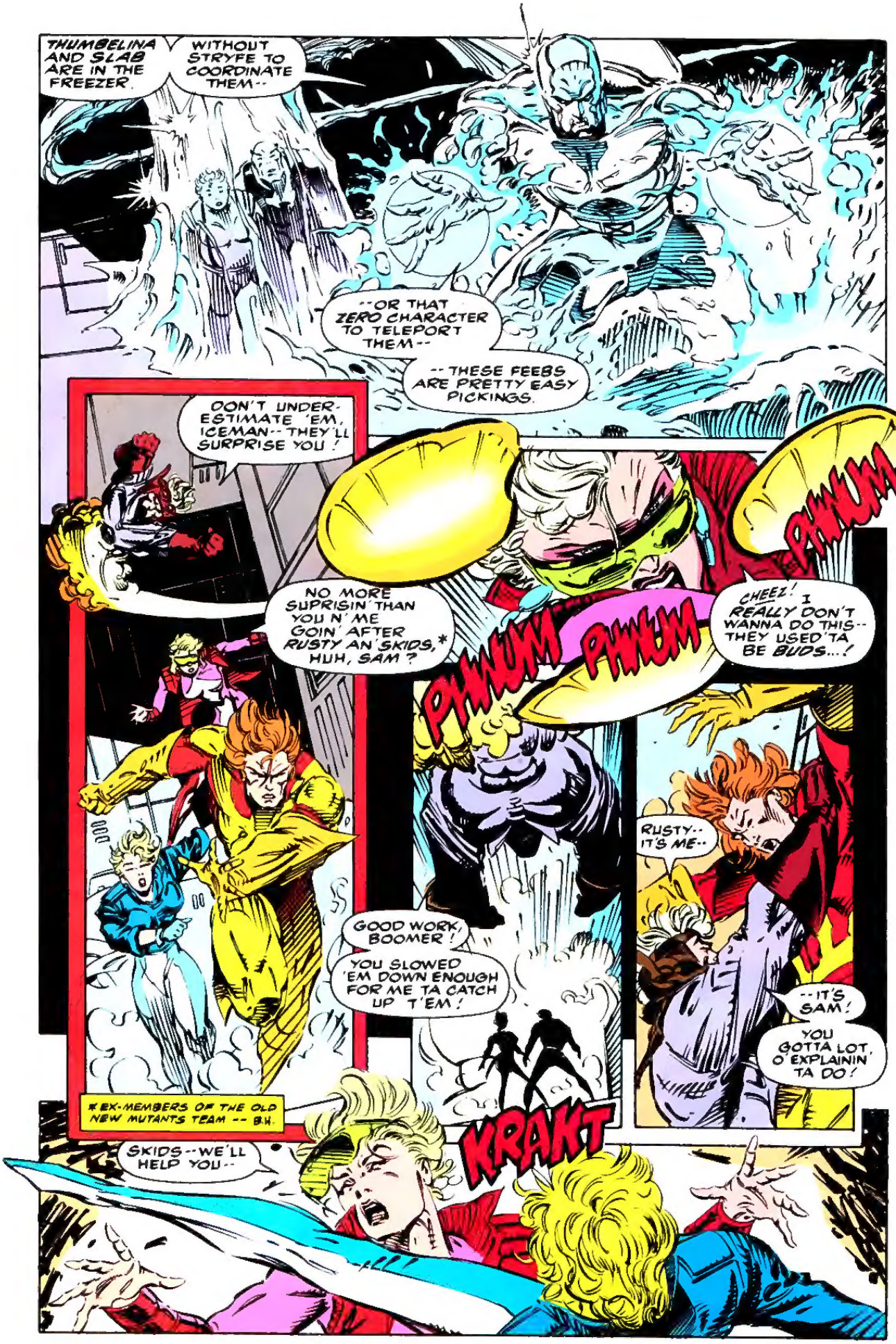
LET'S BAT HER RIGHT OUTTA HER "BAT-WINGS"!
SKRAW!

GEEZ! THAT X-MAN'S GOT A MEAN PUNCH!
KRIS, SHE WAS MY ONLY FRIEND IN THE M.L.F.!

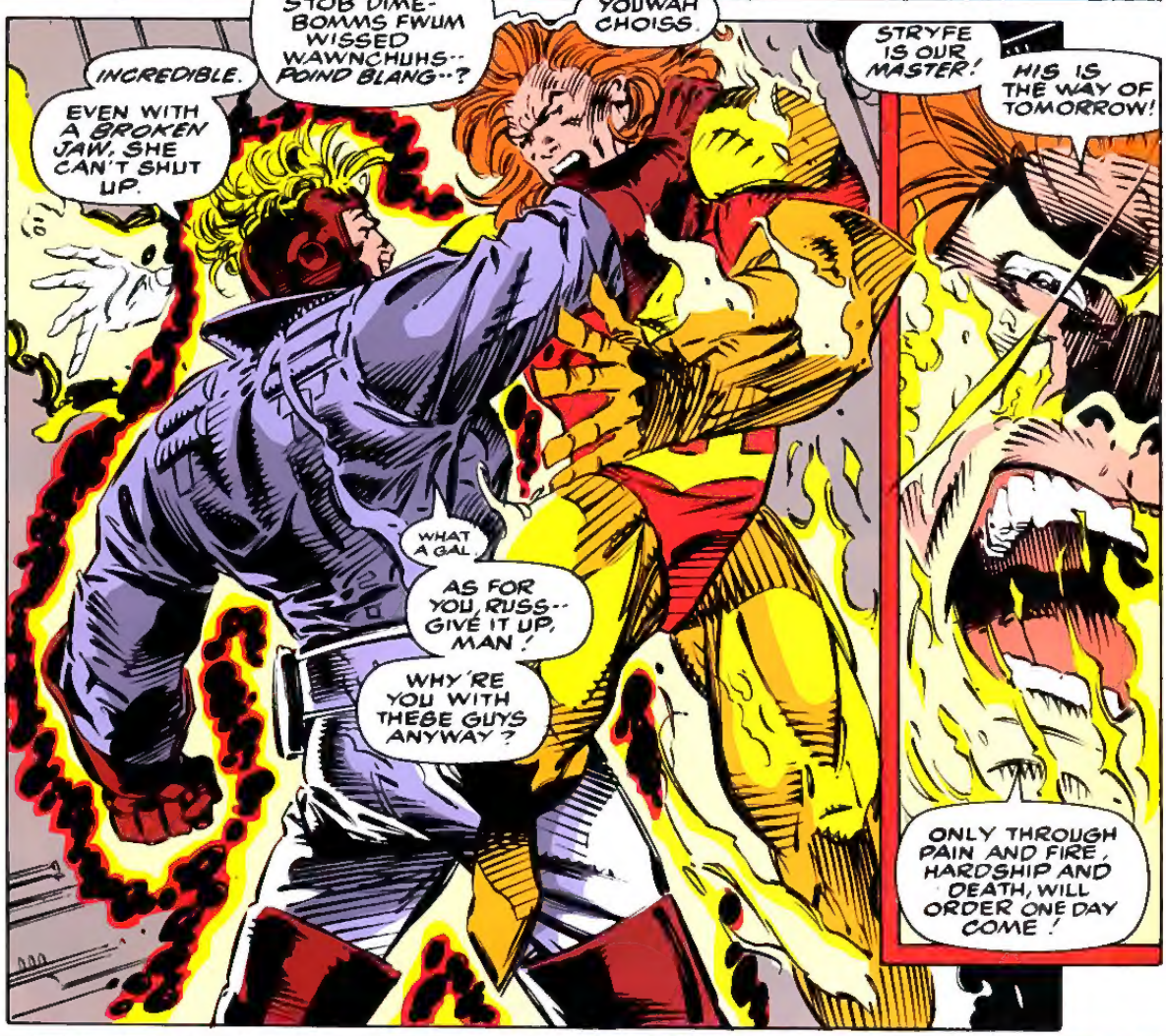
SHE STILL IS SIS -- SHE'S JUST YOUR UNCONSCIOUS FRIEND.
NOW LET'S GET OUTTA HERE --

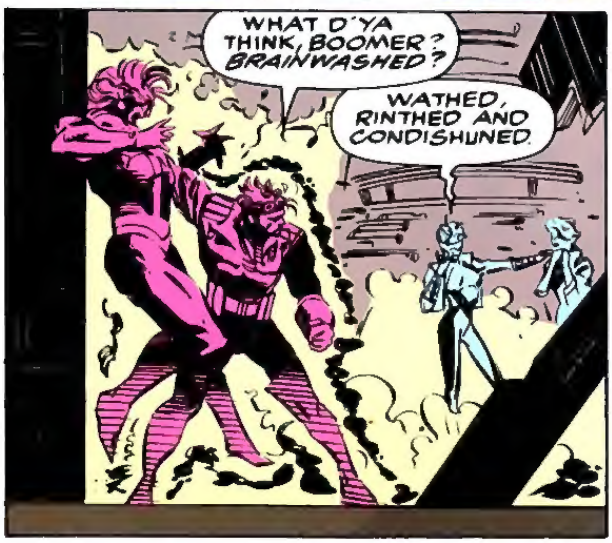

-- MOM HATES IT WHEN I DON'T KEEP AN EYE ON YOU.
SHEEK

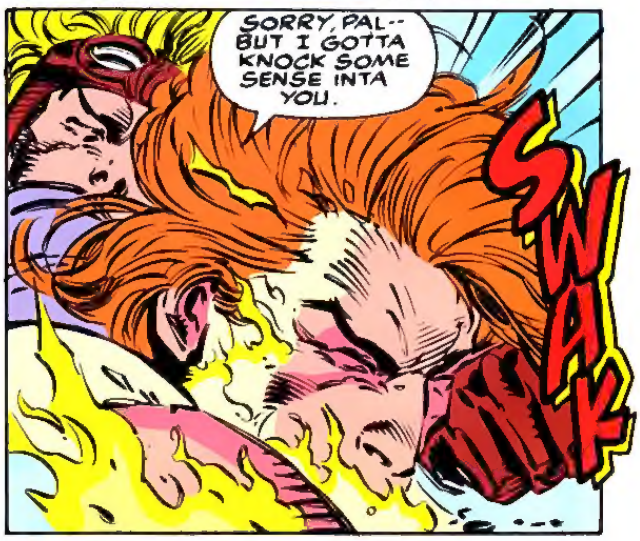
UH
OH

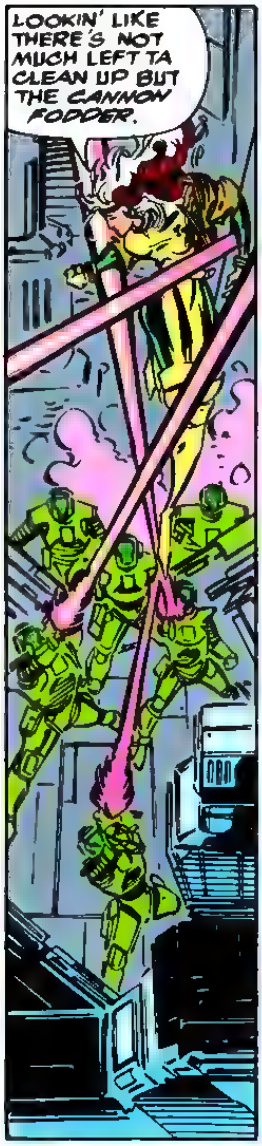

THUMBELINA AND SLAB ARE IN THE FREEZER.
WITHOUT STRYFE TO COORDINATE THEM--
--OR THAT ZERO CHARACTER TO TELEPORT THEM--
--THESE FEEBS ARE PRETTY EASY PICKINGS.
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE 'EM, ICEMAN--THEY'LL SURPRISE YOU!
NO MORE SUPRISIN' THAN YOU N' ME GOIN' AFTER RUSTY AN' SKIDS,* HUH, SAM?
PHWUM
PHWUM
PHWUM
CHEEZ! I REALLY DON'T WANNA DO THIS--THEY USED 'TA BE BUDS...!
RUSTY--IT'S ME--
--IT'S SAM!
YOU GOTTA LOT O' EXPLAININ' TA DO!
GOOD WORK, BOOMER!
YOU SLOWED 'EM DOWN ENOUGH FOR ME TA CATCH UP T'EM!
*EX-MEMBERS OF THE OLD NEW MUTANTS TEAM -- B.H.
SKIDS--WE'LL HELP YOU--
KRAKT

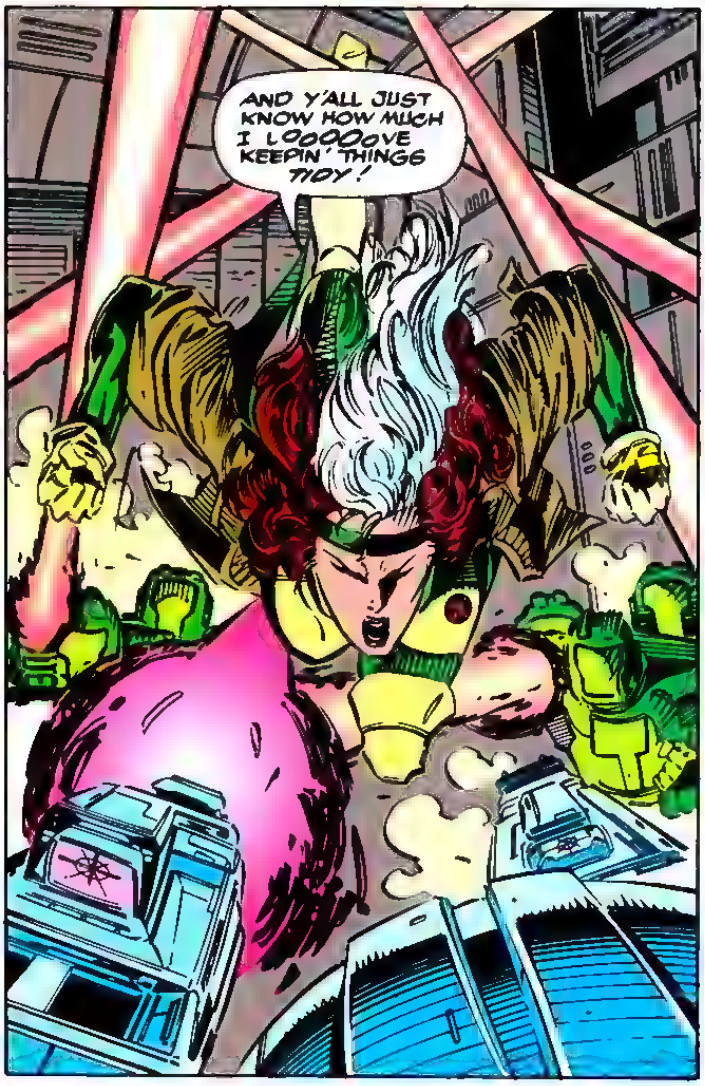
OWWW
YOU BROGGD MY CHAW!


GAN YOAH FAWSS FEELD STOB DIME-BOMMS FWUM WISSED WAWNCHUHS-- POIND BLANG--?
YOUWAH CHOISS.
INCREDIBLE.
EVEN WITH A BROKEN JAW, SHE CAN'T SHUT UP.
STRYFE IS OUR MASTER!
HIS IS THE WAY OF TOMORROW!
WHAT A GAL
AS FOR YOU, RUSS-- GIVE IT UP, MAN!
WHY'RE YOU WITH THESE GUYS ANYWAY?
ONLY THROUGH PAIN AND FIRE, HARDSHIP AND DEATH, WILL ORDER ONE DAY COME!


WHAT D'YA THINK, BOOMER? BRAINWASHED?
WATHED, RINTHED AND CONDISHUNED.

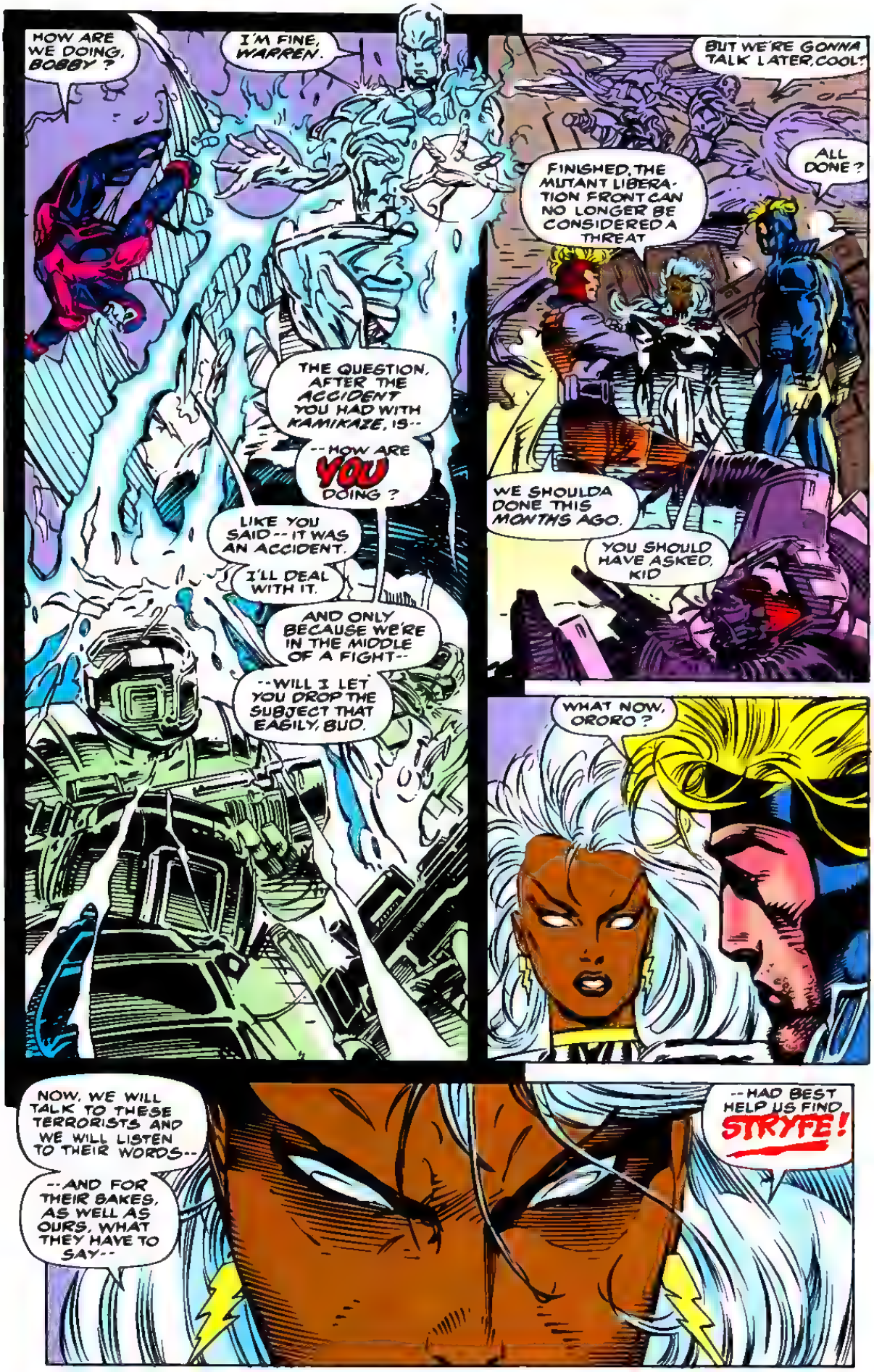

SORRY, PAL-- BUT I GOTTA KNOCK SOME SENSE INTA YOU.
SWAK

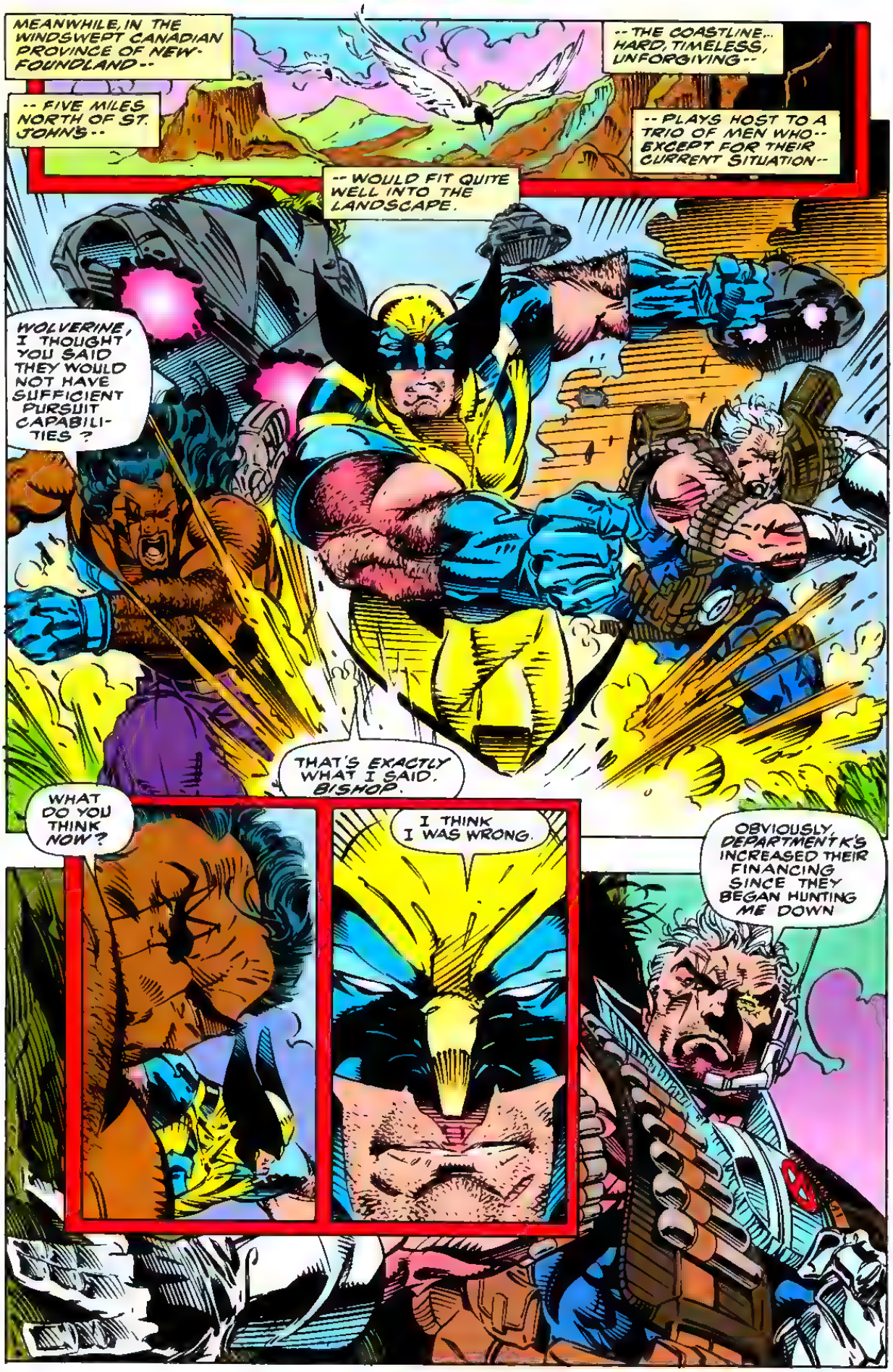

LOOKIN' LIKE THERE'S NOT MUCH LEFT TA CLEAN UP BUT THE CANNON FODDER.


AND Y'ALL JUST KNOW HOW MUCH I LOOOOOVE KEEPIN' THINGS TIDY!

GOOD, X-MAN! BECAUSE THE FEELING IS MUTUAL!
HOW D'YOU FEEL ABOUT A CONCENTRATED LIGHT BLAST?
SHEEEH

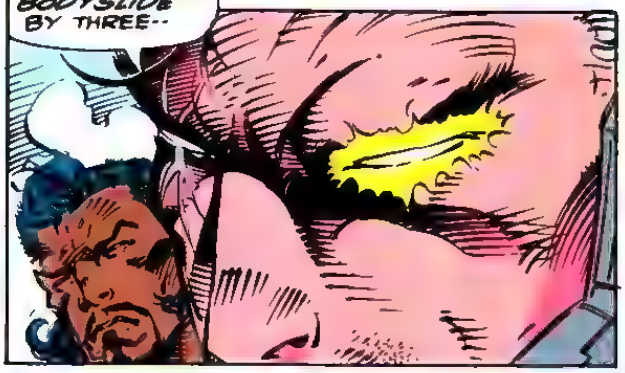
FWIP
VERY SNEAKY, STROBE. BLINDING ROGUE THAT WAY--
--VERY WITTY REPARTEE, TOO
BUT HOW MUCH TALKING OR WALKING CAN YOU DO IF I MAGNETICALLY USE YOUR COSTUME TO BIND YOU?
MMMRRRFF
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT

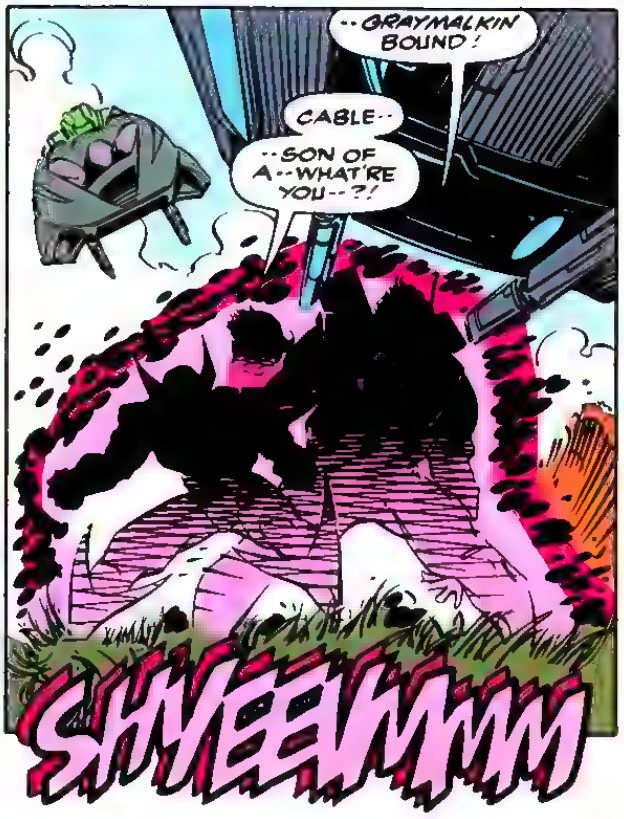

HOW ARE WE DOING, BOBBY ?
I'M FINE, WARREN.
THE QUESTION, AFTER THE ACCIDENT YOU HAD WITH KAMIKAZE, IS--
--HOW ARE YOU DOING ?
LIKE YOU SAID -- IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.
I'LL DEAL WITH IT.
AND ONLY BECAUSE WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIGHT--
--WILL I LET YOU DROP THE SUBJECT THAT EASILY, BUD.
BUT WE'RE GONNA TALK LATER, COOL?
ALL DONE ?
FINISHED, THE MUTANT LIBERATION FRONT CAN NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED A THREAT
WE SHOULDA DONE THIS MONTHS AGO.
YOU SHOULD HAVE ASKED, KID
WHAT NOW, ORORO ?
NOW, WE WILL TALK TO THESE TERRORISTS AND WE WILL LISTEN TO THEIR WORDS--
--AND FOR THEIR SAKES, AS WELL AS OURS, WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY--
--HAD BEST HELP US FIND STRYFE!

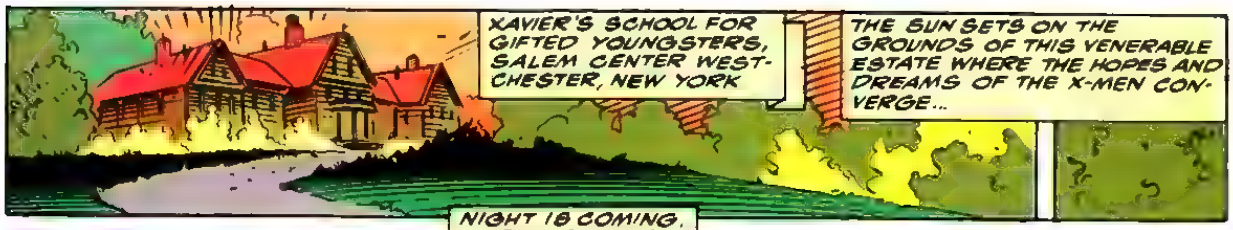

MEANWHILE, IN THE WINDSWEPT CANADIAN PROVINCE OF NEW-FOUNDLAND--
-- FIVE MILES NORTH OF ST. JOHN'S--
-- THE COASTLINE... HARD, TIMELESS, UNFORGIVING--
-- PLAYS HOST TO A TRIO OF MEN WHO-- EXCEPT FOR THEIR CURRENT SITUATION--
-- WOULD FIT QUITE WELL INTO THE LANDSCAPE.
WOLVERINE, I THOUGHT YOU SAID THEY WOULD NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT PURSUIT CAPABILI-TIES ?
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I SAID, BISHOP.
WHAT DO YOU THINK NOW?
I THINK I WAS WRONG.
OBVIOUSLY, DEPARTMENT K'S INCREASED THEIR FINANCING SINCE THEY BEGAN HUNTING ME DOWN

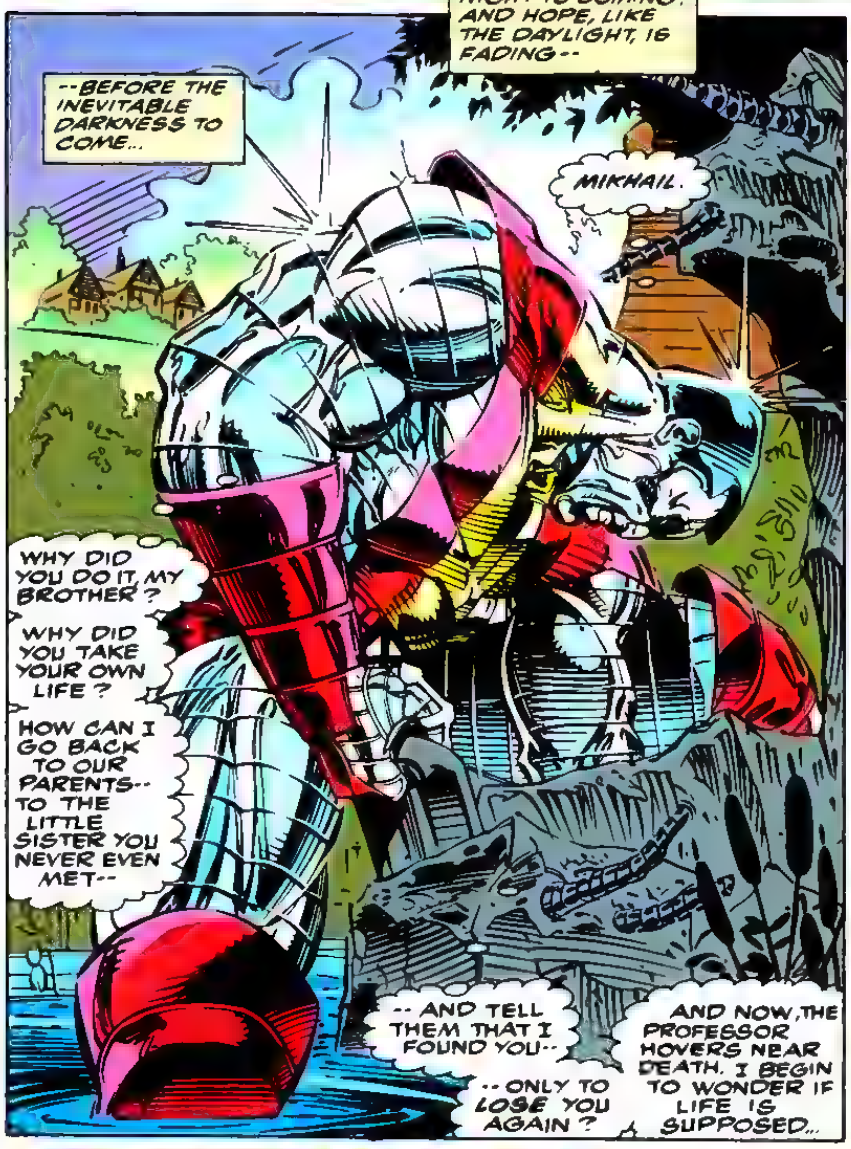
WELL, THANKS FOR NOTHIN', CABLE.
ANY SUGGESTIONS?
WE COULD TAKE THEM OUT.
MY S-T-A* TRAINING IS QUITE COMPRE-HENSIVE.
NO, THEY'RE JUST DOIN' THEIR JOBS.
* SURFACE-TO-AIR

WHAT, THEN?

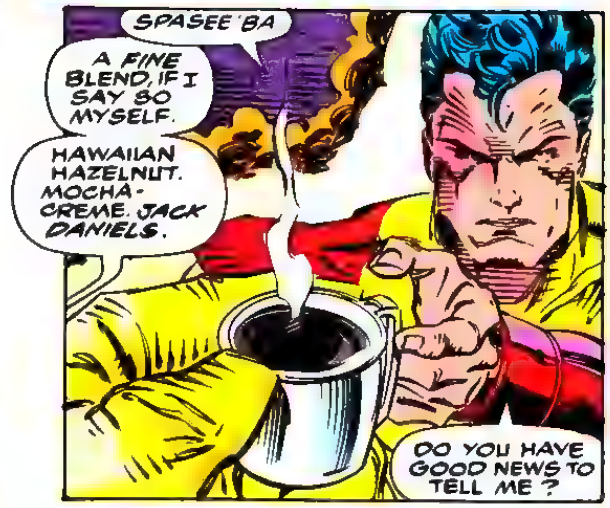

PROFESSOR, BODYSLIDE BY THREE--

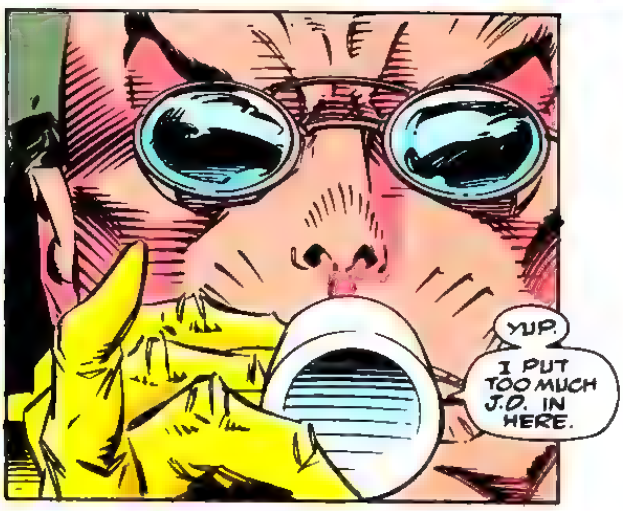

--GRAYMALKIN BOUND!
CABLE--
--SON OF A--WHAT'RE YOU--?!
SHYEEMMM

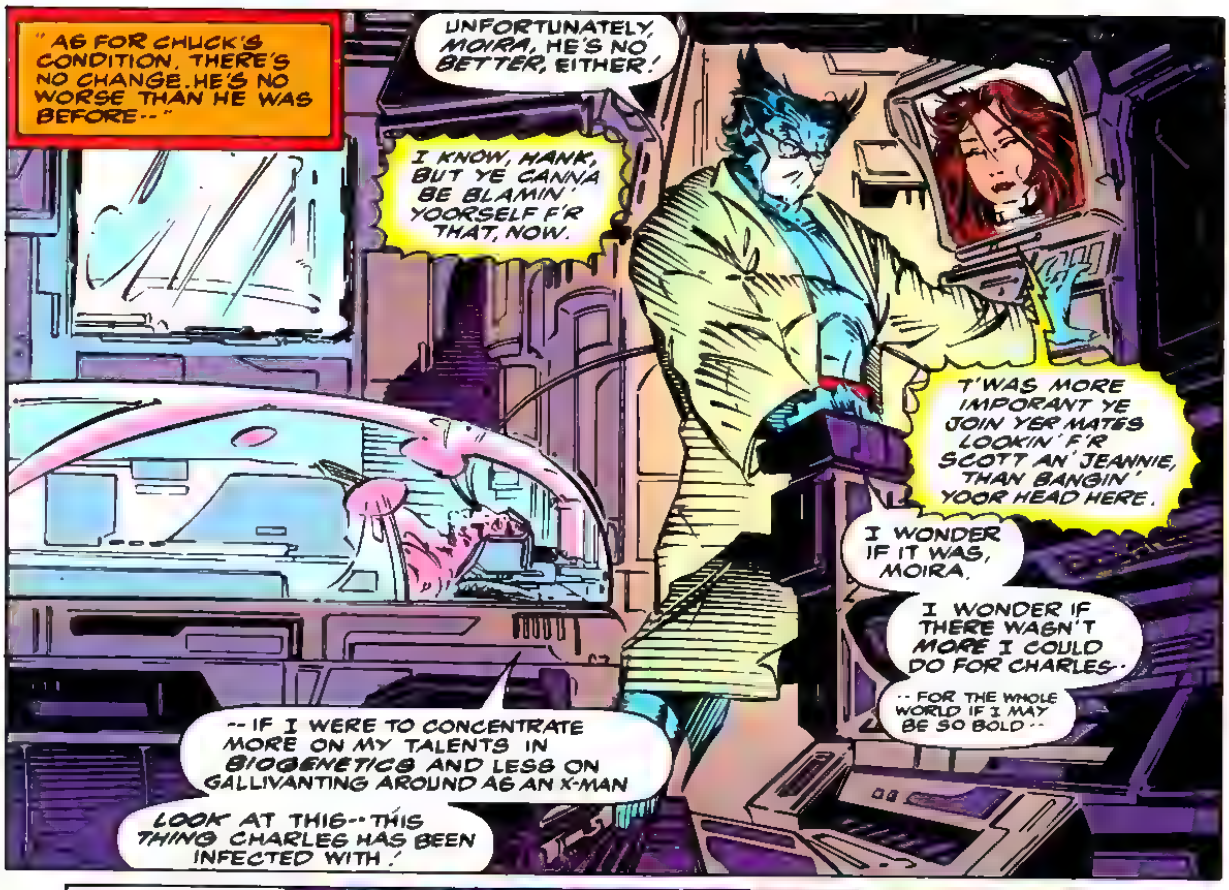

XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS, SALEM CENTER WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK
THE SUN SETS ON THE GROUNDS OF THIS VENERABLE ESTATE WHERE THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF THE X-MEN CONVERGE...

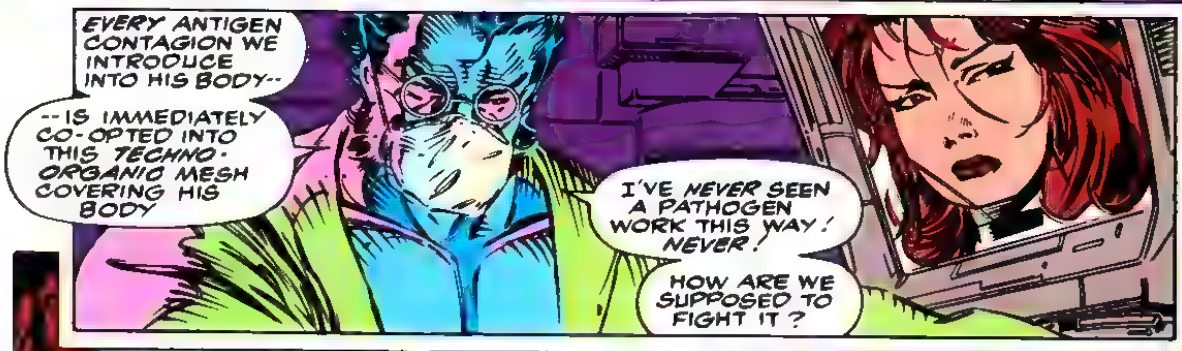

NIGHT IS COMING, AND HOPE, LIKE THE DAYLIGHT, IS FADING--
--BEFORE THE INEVITABLE DARKNESS TO COME...
MIKHAIL.
WHY DID YOU DO IT, MY BROTHER?
WHY DID YOU TAKE YOUR OWN LIFE?
HOW CAN I GO BACK TO OUR PARENTS-- TO THE LITTLE SISTER YOU NEVER EVEN MET--
-- AND TELL THEM THAT I FOUND YOU--
--ONLY TO LOSE YOU AGAIN?
AND NOW, THE PROFESSOR HOVERS NEAR DEATH. I BEGIN TO WONDER IF LIFE IS SUPPOSED...

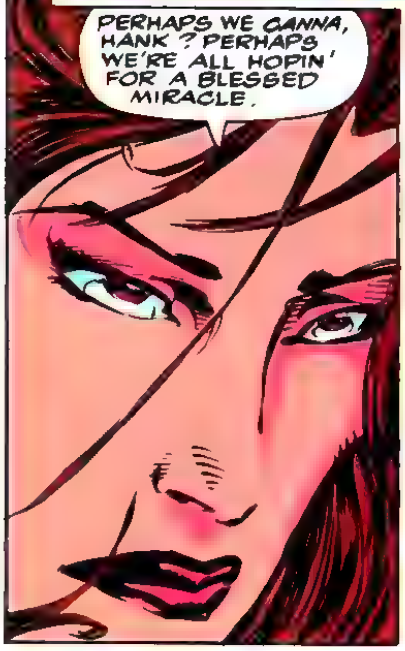
HOW'S THE LANDSCAPING GOING, PETER?
WANT SOME COFFEE?


SPASEE BA
A FINE BLEND, IF I SAY SO MYSELF.
HAWAIIAN HAZELNUT. MOCHA-CREME. JACK DANIELS.
DO YOU HAVE GOOD NEWS TO TELL ME?

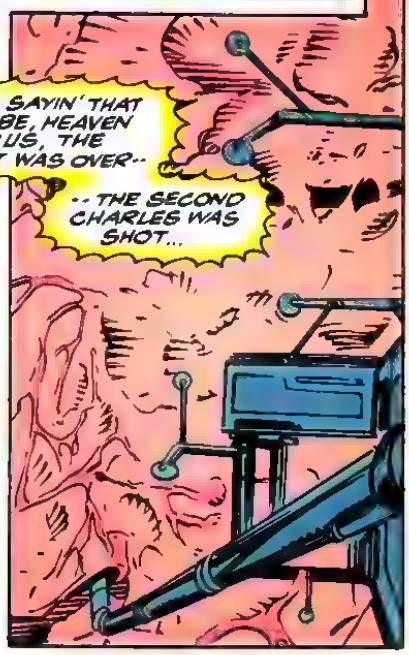

YUP.
I PUT TOO MUCH J.D. IN HERE.


"AS FOR CHUCK'S CONDITION, THERE'S NO CHANGE. HE'S NO WORSE THAN HE WAS BEFORE--"
UNFORTUNATELY, MOIRA, HE'S NO BETTER, EITHER!
I KNOW, HANK, BUT YE CANNA BE BLAMIN' YOORSELF F'R THAT, NOW.
T'WAS MORE IMPORANT YE JOIN YER MATES LOOKIN' F'R SCOTT AN' JEANNIE, THAN BANGIN' YOOR HEAD HERE.
I WONDER IF IT WAS, MOIRA.
I WONDER IF THERE WASN'T MORE I COULD DO FOR CHARLES--
--FOR THE WHOLE WORLD IF I MAY BE SO BOLD--
--IF I WERE TO CONCENTRATE MORE ON MY TALENTS IN BIOGENETICS AND LESS ON GALLIVANTING AROUND AS AN X-MAN
LOOK AT THIS--THIS THING CHARLES HAS BEEN INFECTED WITH!


EVERY ANTIGEN CONTAGION WE INTRODUCE INTO HIS BODY--
--IS IMMEDIATELY CO-OPTED INTO THIS TECHNO-ORGANIC MESH COVERING HIS BODY
I'VE NEVER SEEN A PATHOGEN WORK THIS WAY! NEVER!
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT IT?


PERHAPS WE CANNA, HANK? PERHAPS WE'RE ALL HOPIN' FOR A BLESSED MIRACLE.

ARE YOU SAYING WE SHOULD JUST GIVE UP, DR. MACTAGGERT?
THAT THE FIGHT IS OVER?
I'M SAYIN' THAT MAYBE, HEAVEN HELP US, THE FIGHT WAS OVER--


--THE SECOND CHARLES WAS SHOT...

SOMEWHERE, THE ENIGMATIC MAN CALLED STRYFE WATCHES THE GAME BEING PLAYED.

AND THOUGH THE PIECES SLIDE ACROSS THE BOARD IN A FASHION EXCEEDING HIS EXPECTATIONS--

-- THE CHESSMAN TAKES LITTLE SATISFACTION IN THE PROCEEDINGS--

IT UNFOLDS BEFORE US, ZERO. THE STAGE IS SET.

THE CURTAIN OF REVENGE OPENS--

--ONLY TO REVEAL THE THEATER OF THE ABSURD BEHIND IT.

MAINTAIN YOUR VIGIL, MY SILENT KNIGHT.

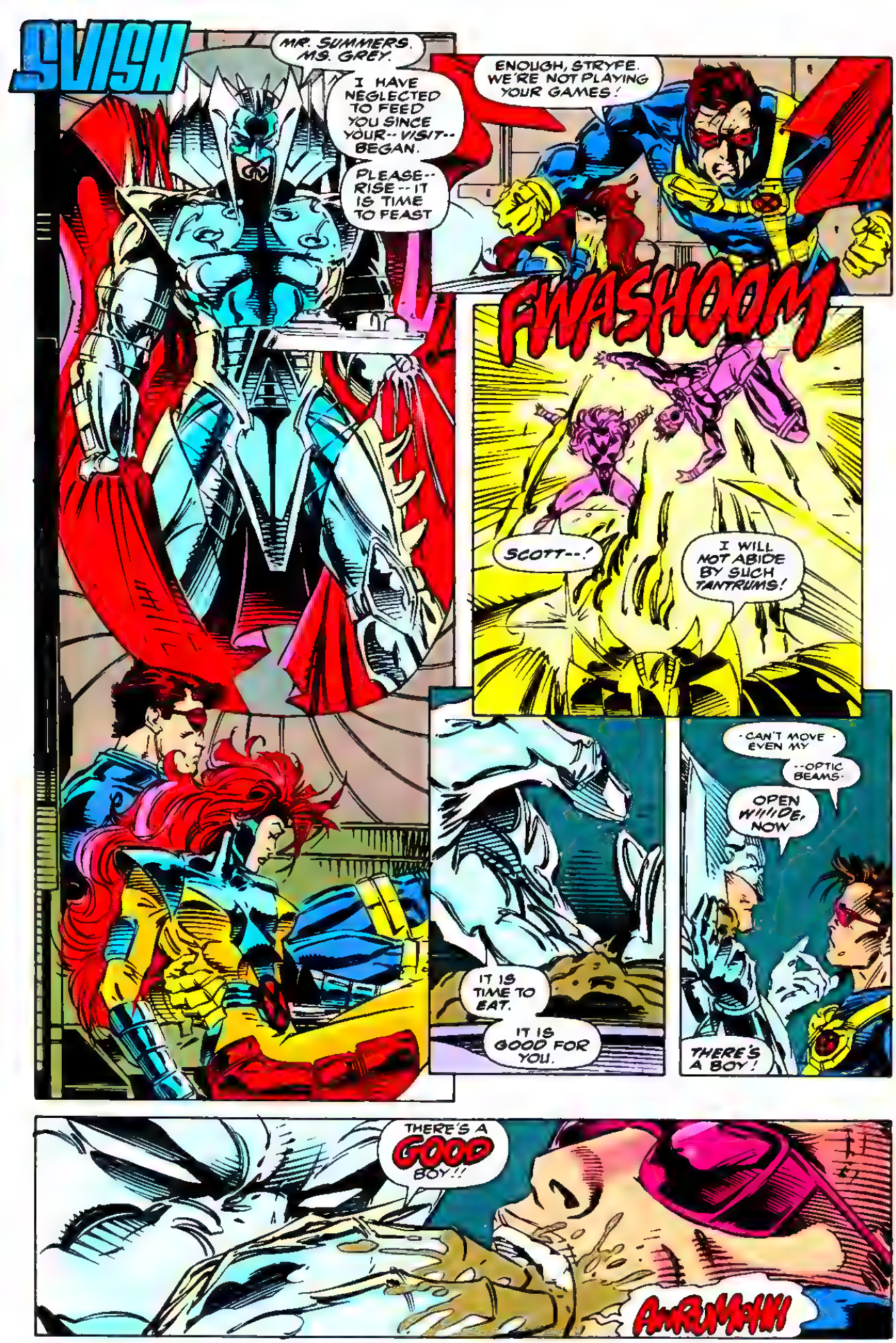
I HAVE MORE... PERSONAL... MATTERS TO ATTEND TO.

BUT WHAT COULD BE MORE PERSONAL THAN REVENGE, YOU ASK?

REDEMPTION, PERHAPS.

SYNTH-PREP: WARM MILK-- SUBSTANTATIVE INFANT SUPPLEMENT.

BY TWO.


SVISH
MR. SUMMERS. MS. GREY.
I HAVE NEGLECTED TO FEED YOU SINCE YOUR-- VISIT-- BEGAN.
PLEASE-- RISE -- IT IS TIME TO FEAST
ENOUGH, STRYFE. WE'RE NOT PLAYING YOUR GAMES!
FWASHOOM
SCOTT--!
I WILL NOT ABIDE BY SUCH TANTRUMS!
IT IS TIME TO EAT.
IT IS GOOD FOR YOU.
CAN'T MOVE EVEN MY
--OPTIC BEAMS
OPEN WIIIIDE, NOW
THERE'S A BOY!
THERE'S A GOOD BOY!!
AWRUUUHH

LITTLE BOY ENJOY HIS DINNER ?

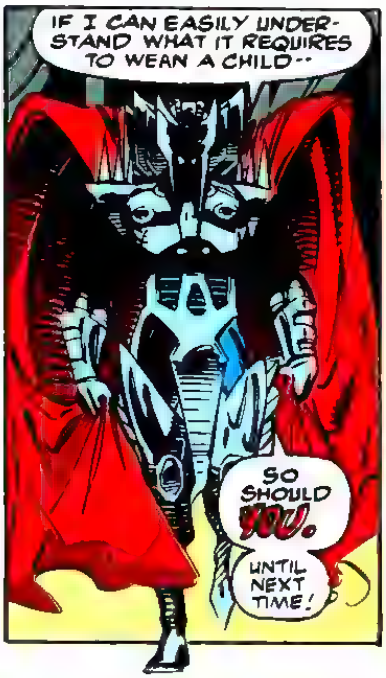
DID I DO IT RIGHT?!

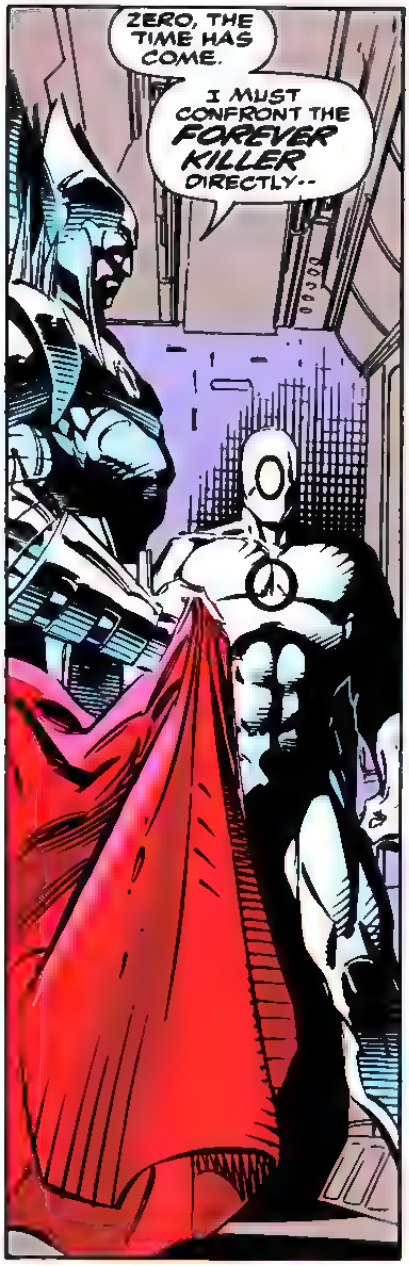
IS THAT HOW IT'S DONE ?

IS THAT HOW YOU NURSE A CHILD ?

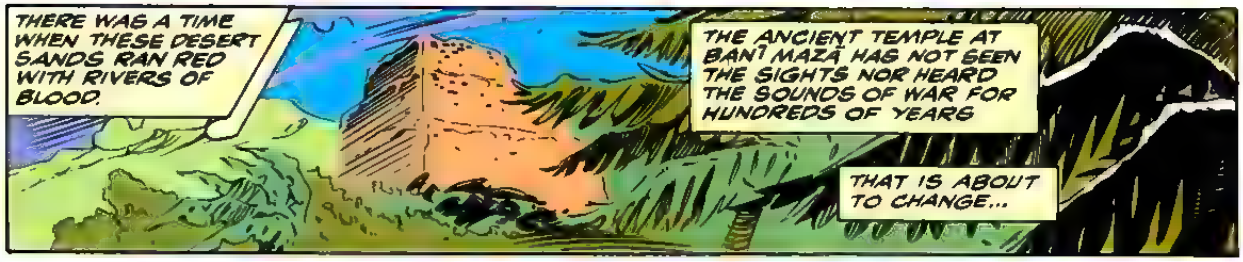
IS IT--?

IS IT--?!




ZERO, THE TIME HAS COME.
I MUST CONFRONT THE FOREVER KILLER DIRECTLY--

--BEFORE HE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PIECE THIS PUZZLE TOGETHER.
TO THE LAND OF THE PHARAOHS THEN, MY FRIEND.
THANK YOU, ZERO.
I WILL SUMMON YOU WHEN YOU ARE NEEDED.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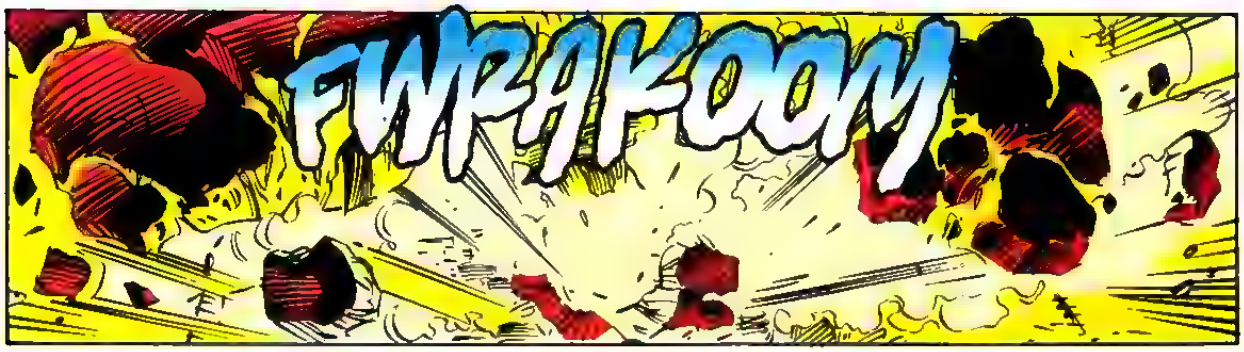
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BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

You know the way our Chinese friends celebrate different years like "The Year of the Pig," or "The Year of the Dragon"? Well, for mighty Marvel, 1992 has most definitely been "The Year of the Spider," and what a great year it's been! Spider-Man's thirtieth anniversary has kept our whole blushing bullpen busy with special Hologram-Cover Issues, Spidey Conventions, Web-Slinger Parties and all sorts of arachnid-inspired fun 'n games!

Another, more subtle way that we've been celebrating everyone's favorite wall-crawler has been by introducing famous Marvel guest stars in Spidey's syndicated newspaper strip. Those of you who are lucky enough to have Spidey's daily strip in your local newspaper's comic section, have already seen the current episode which is just now zooming to a cataclysmic conclusion, the one featuring the ever dazzling and delightful Dr. Strange!

Well, here's a really sensational follow-up to the Spidey/Dr. Strange adventure. Starting sometime in October, the peripatetic Peter Parker will welcome another guest star to what is arguably the most popular newspaper story-strip in all the world — Daredevil, the Man Without Fear! This will be Matt Murdock's first appearance in any newspaper and I can promise you it'll be a zingeroo! Can't tell you much without spoiling the surprises for you — but I can clue you in about some new artists coming on board!

Floro Dery, who has so brilliantly illustrated the Spidey Sunday pages for the past decade or so, has been forced to give up his chores because of an increased work load at the animation studio which is his home base. Although I was genuinely sorry to bid Floro adieu, wait'll you hear who his exciting replacements will be!

To pencil Spidey's Sunday pages, we were lucky to grab Rampagin' **Ron Frenz**, the demon illustrator who, together with the scripting of Titanic **Tom DeFalco**, has made MIGHTY THOR one of Marvel's most consistent "must read" titles issue after issue! And, to ink Ron's awesome panels, we managed to lure one of Marvel's all-time greats out of semi-retirement — which means that the world once again will thrill to the exotic embellishments of the titanically talented Joltin' **Joe Sinnott**!

So, Ron and Joe now join forces with comicdom's own legendary **Larry Lieber**, who has been so pandemoniously penciling and inking Spidey's daily pages for lo these many years, to form the most spectacular art team on any newspaper page! It's all yours, for free, in your local newspaper! (And if your paper is one of the few that doesn't carry **The Amazing Spider-Man**, never underestimate the power of a letter to the editor!)

Now, until Spidey's next anniversary — Larry, Ron, Joe, and I urge thee most humbly — Keep Thy Webs Untangled!

Excelsior!

Stan

Stan Lee

When we think of October, we think of those scary people who put on masks, play tricks, and try to frighten everyone. That's right, we're talking about *politicians*! This is the time of year when politicos are plentiful, frightening even Red Ghosts, Scarlet Witches, and Hobgoblins! As every Marveloid knows, we're just weeks away from the funniest holiday of the year — **Election Day!**

In his very first appearance, the Amazing Spider-Man learned that with great power must come great responsibility. Well, every Marveloid out there over the age of 18 has great power, too — the power to *vote*! This is a responsibility many of us take for granted if at all. Think about it — we actually have the opportunity to help decide who will hold the most important position in the nation! Why not exercise some of your great responsibility that comes with the great power to vote? To register, call your municipal government office or the local chapter of the League of Woman Voters.

From the presidential race we move on to a footrace, as we track Marvel's standings in the 1992 Corporate Challenge. The Corporate Challenge is a series of 3 1/2-mile races held every June, in which companies all over New York compete to see who has the fastest workaholics. The big winner for Marvel this year was **Danny** "Speedy" **Gonzalez**, who finished one of the races in just 21 minutes. Other Marvel Quicksilvers were **Bernadette Ayala** of the Manufacturing Department, **Mary Sprowls** of the Finance Department, and editors **Don** (PUNISHER) **Daley** and **Glenn** (NOMAD) **Herdling**. The *apres*-race parties held at the Senior Exec Ed's place were also a runaway success!

The Marvel softball season is also racing to a close as we write this. We all must have had our catcher's masks on in June (not to mention our hitter's masks and our outfielder's masks), because we had a three-game winning streak, including a victory over *Billboard* magazine — a team which we had never before beaten in Marvel history! We wore the masks of tragedy, however, as DC trick-or-treated us to a loss in our second game against their squadron of all-stars. The DC/Marvel retro-rivalry is now tied at one game apiece, with one more left to play between the two companies.

One thing is for sure — the ultra-athletic DC team sure knows how to get the most out of a bat! (Maybe it would help our chances if we all wore Adam West masks!)

Bullpen neo-cartoonist **Rick Parker** and assistant editor **Barry Dutter** have good reason to throw a masquerade party this month! Ricko the Sicko and "Big" Barry have a hyper-funny book of cartoons coming out. The book is called *Everything I Really Need to Know I Learned from Television*, and is on sale in bookstores all across America. (By a strange coincidence, that same creative team is also responsible for the cartoon that appears each month on this very page!) It's the perfect reading material for All Hallow's Eve! It will help you laugh away all your fears!

If you *really* want to treat your neighborhood monsters, don't give them candy this Halloween — give them the all-new Marvel Masterpiece trading cards! This 100 card set features all your favorite heroes and villains, beautifully painted by Joe Jusko. Each card is a true work of art! And if your preference is for pictures that *move*, we'd also like to mention that the Marvel Video Cassette *Pryde of the X-Men* is now available at video retailers everywhere. Get a copy now and receive a $5 refund on other videos in MCV's catalog. No tricks here — just plenty of treats for everyone!

Till next time, remember, though Halloween comes but once a year, Marvel heroes wear masks and colorful costumes all year long! See you at the polls!

THE BULL'S EYE

by Rick Parker & Barry Dutter

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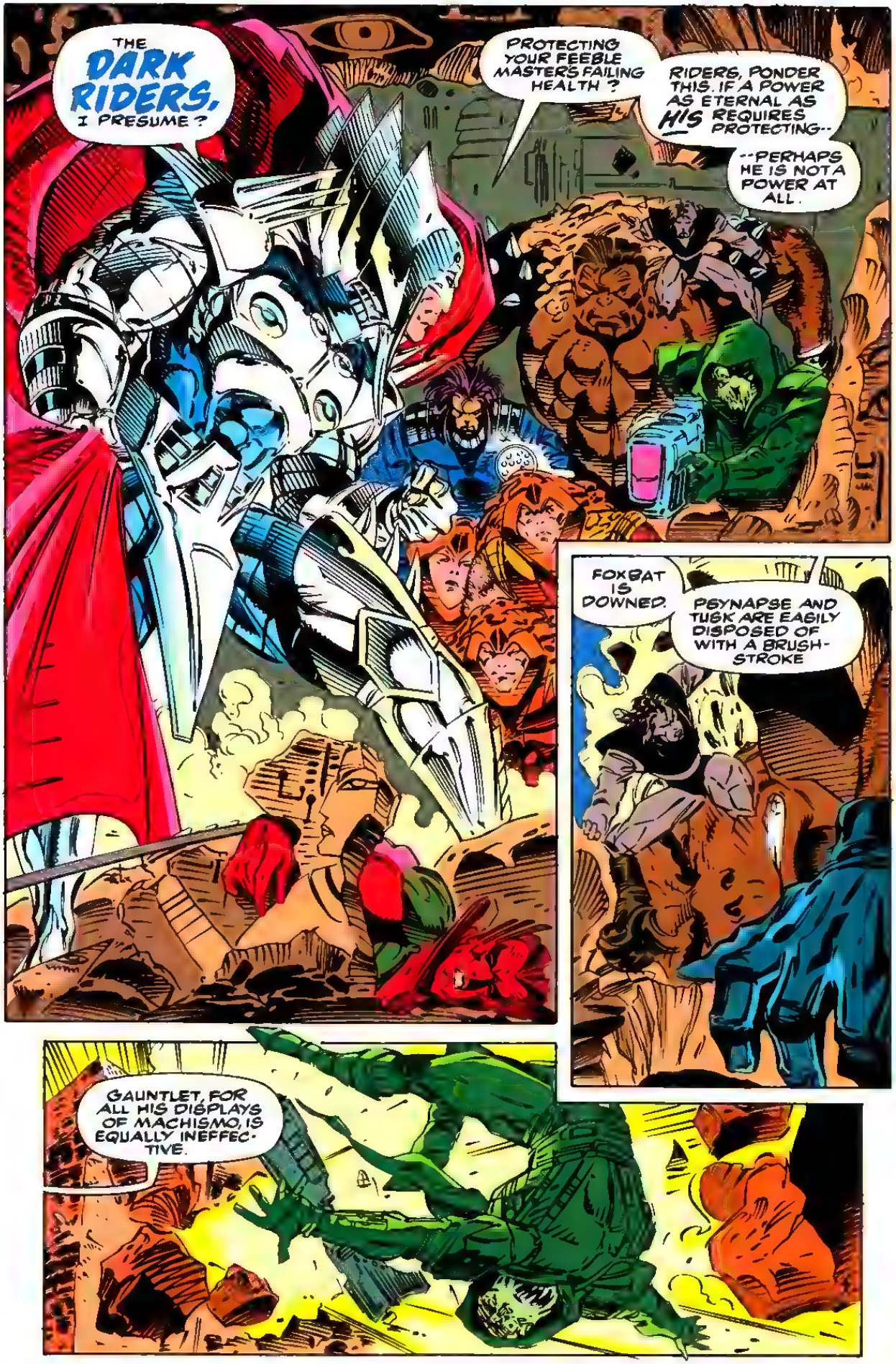
THE DARK RIDERS, I PRESUME?
PROTECTING YOUR FEEBLE MASTER'S FAILING HEALTH?
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--PERHAPS HE IS NOT A POWER AT ALL.
FOXBAT IS DOWNED.
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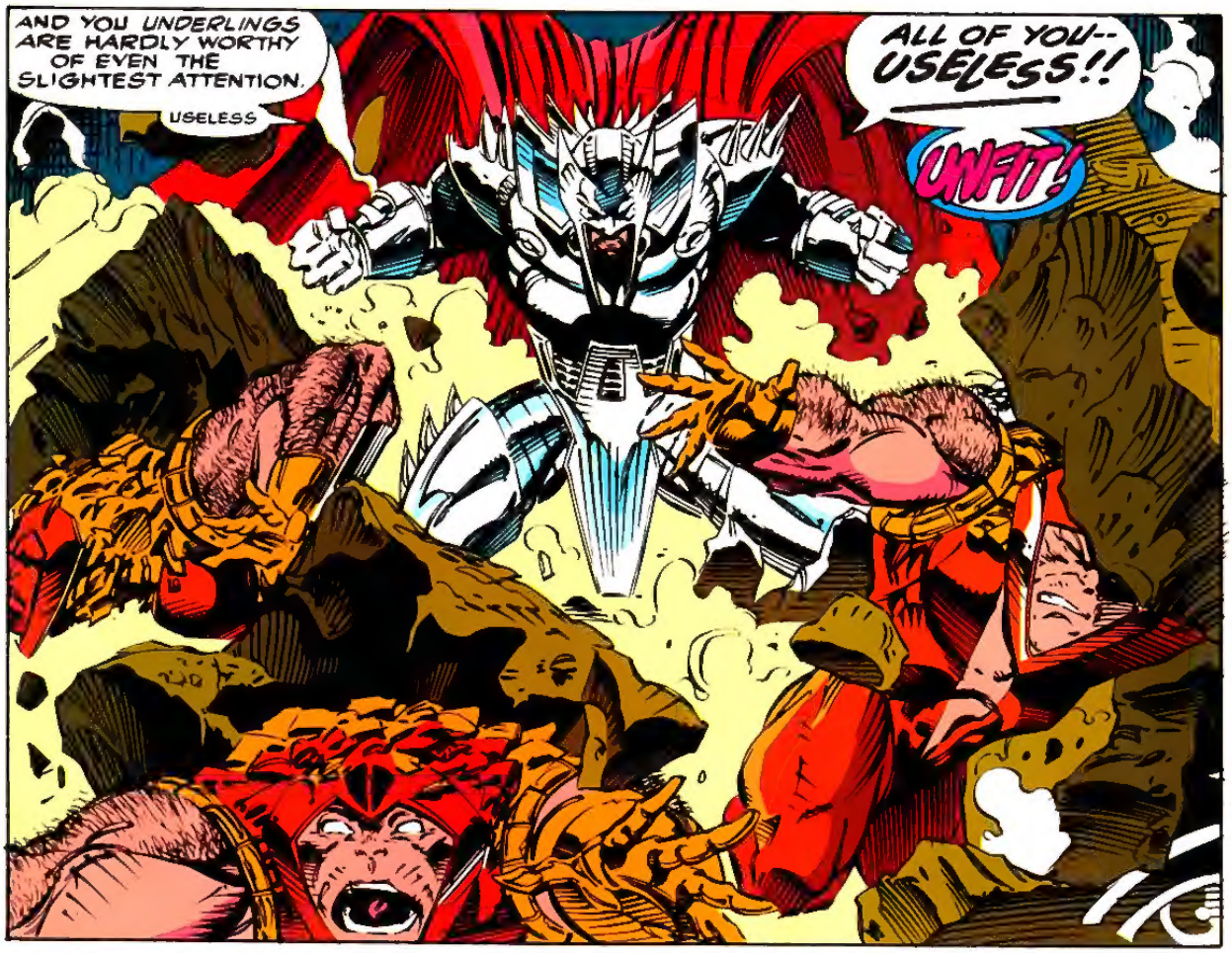
AND YOU UNDERLINGS ARE HARDLY WORTHY OF EVEN THE SLIGHTEST ATTENTION.
USELESS
ALL OF YOU-- USELESS!!
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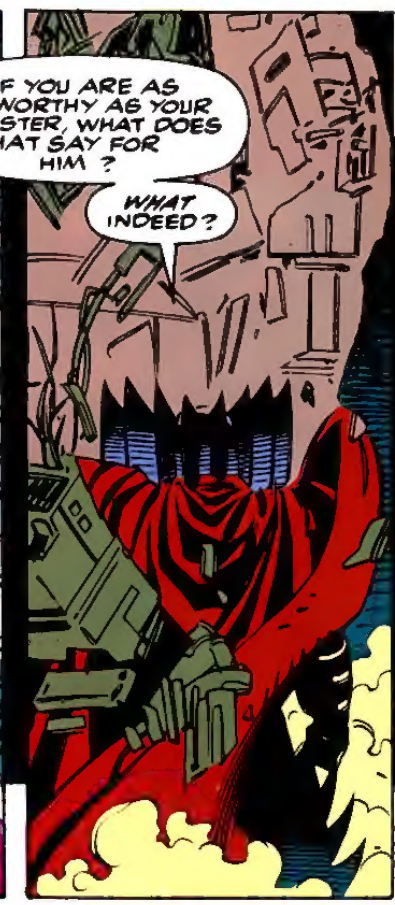
--THE ONE CHOSEN TO GUARD AND CONTROL THE MASTER'S INSTRUMENTS OF SALVATION--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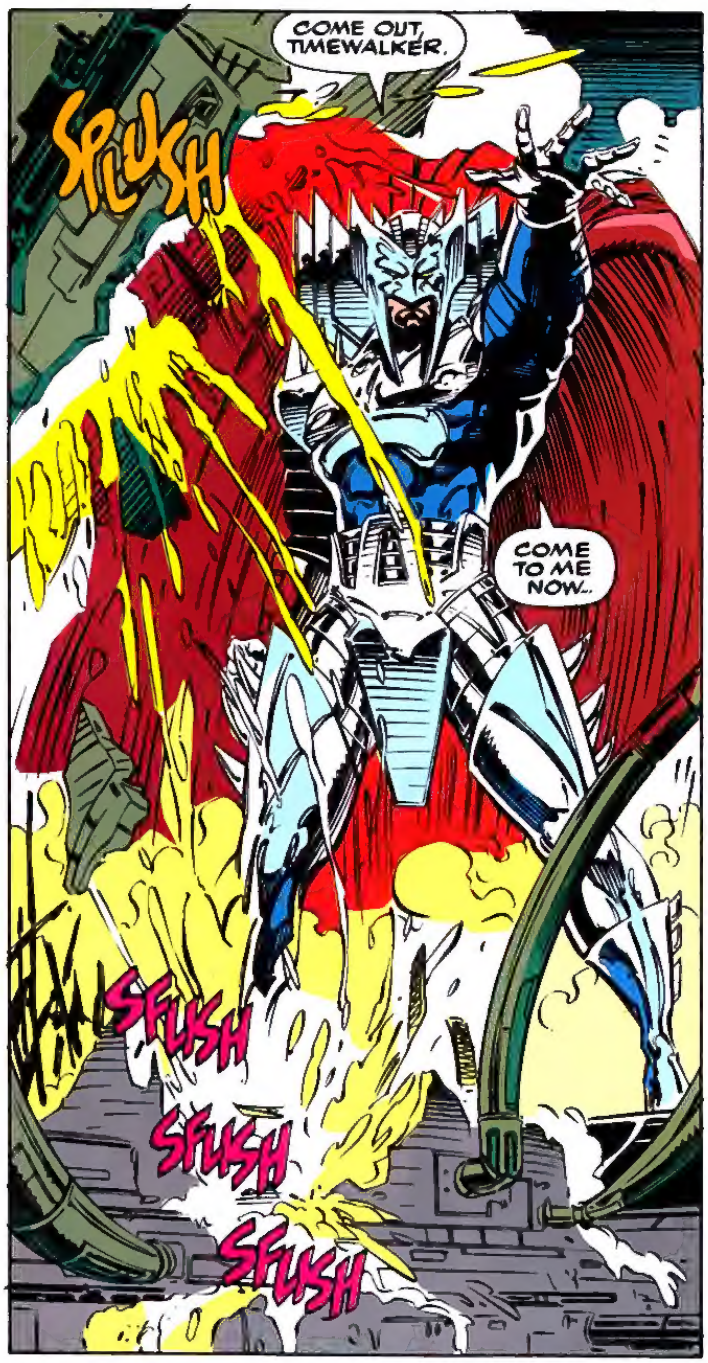
WHAT INDEED ?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COME TO ME NOW...
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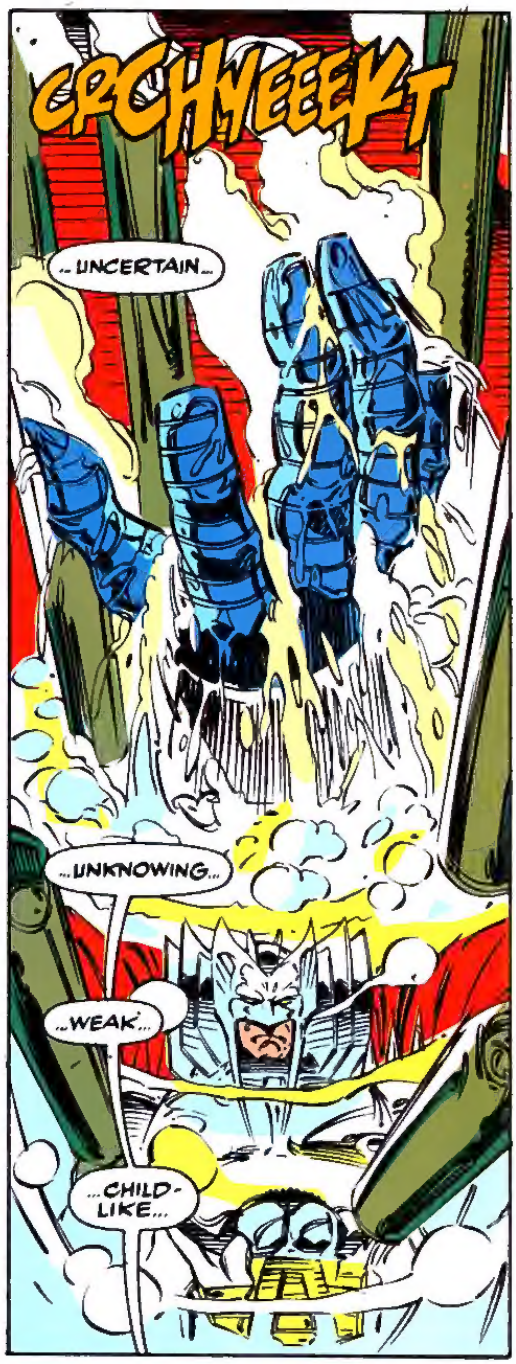
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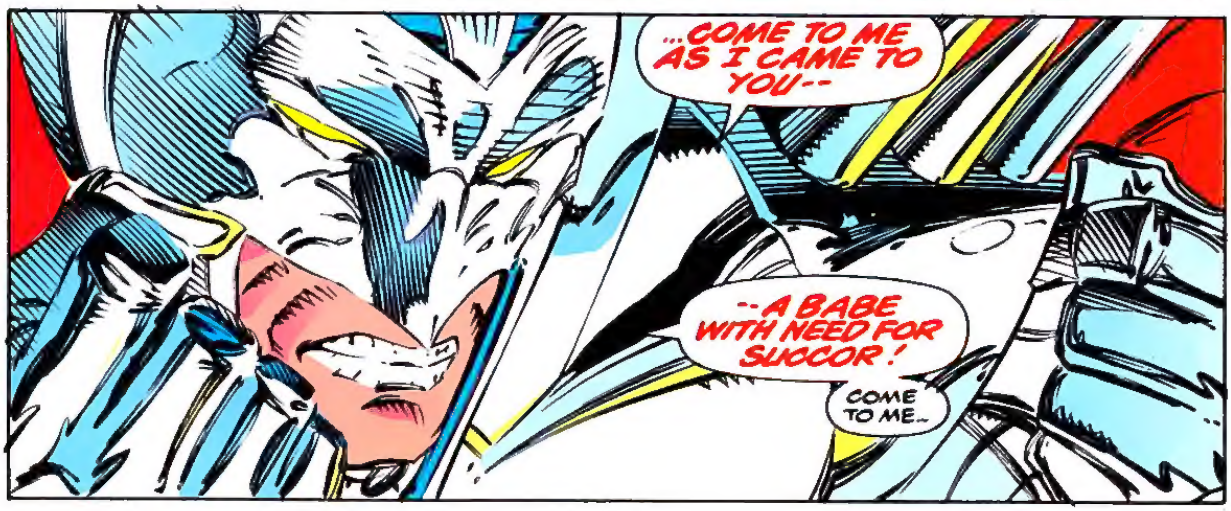
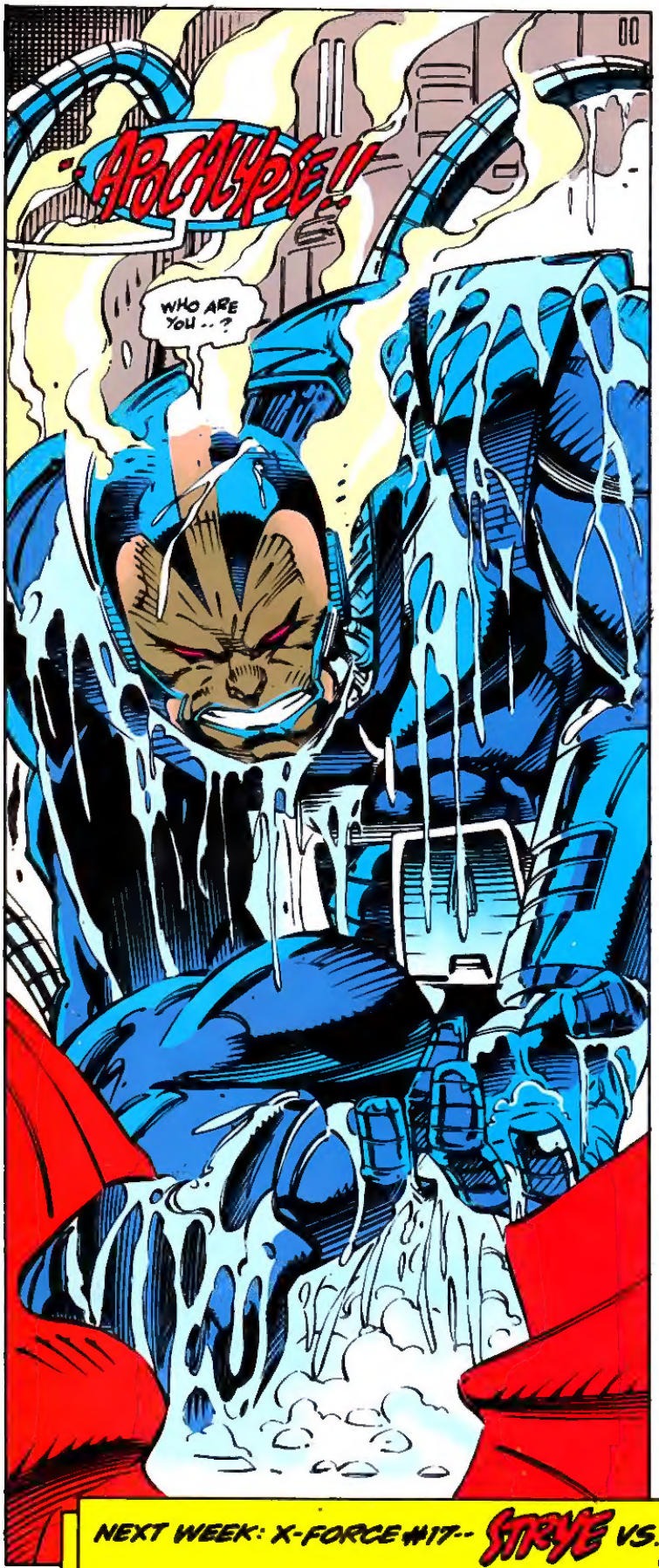

...COME TO ME AS I CAME TO YOU--
--A BABE WITH NEED FOR SUCCOR!
COME TO ME...



NEXT WEEK: X-FORCE #17-- STRYFE VS. APOCALYPSE!!

'NUFF SAID!

BOB HARRAS: editor — LISA PATRICK: assistant editor

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Dear X-Dudes,

Totally excellent! X-MEN #10 was sold out on its first day of sale at Filbar's; the most popular comic/magazine/hobby store here in Manila. As a matter of fact, the one I bought was the last copy the store had. I really do pity those who have to wait up until the end of the month for Filbar's next shipment of issue #10... they'll be cursing themselves!

Why not give Longshot his own mag? The mutual alliance of Longshot, Dazzler, and Lila Cheney is more than perfect! With Longshot's "luck" power, Dazzler's mutant ability to absorb and rechannel sound as light, and Lila's incredible teleportation ability, nothing could ever stand in their way! And since the so-called "New Mutants" are already history, there really is a need to create a new, hip, and young group of mutants. I'm sure that X-MEN #10's sales are proof positive that Longshot is well-appreciated.

I have hardly noticed Beast, because there's hardly anything special about him anymore. His mutant powers are below belt, and he just isn't seen much in combat anymore. I think it would be better for the blue team if he were to switch places with Banshee. I mean, why not make the Beast the reserve member of the blue team, and Banshee the regular member? Banshee's sonic shriek, which could inflict monstrous damage, disintegrate solid matter, and hypnotize the most notorious of villains, is meant to be used in battle. While Beast's superior intelligence and talents in Biochemistry, Genetics, and Electronics is much needed in the X-mansion--especially now, after Forge has left the X-Men. Besides, Professor X needs someone who's sensible and has good judgement to be around to give him good advice. And could you just imagine what an undefeated, unbeatable, and unstoppable team Cyclops' Blue Strike Force would be with Banshee on it?

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There seems to be some logic behind your suggestions, Andy, however Banshee feels he just isn't cut out for the rigorous, day to day, battle stuff that the X-Men constantly endure, and he does have to work things out with Moira before he decides to return to the X-Men. And the Beast is not exactly the type of mutant who could stand being cooped up inside the X-mansion all day long, but it does seem that he's let his intellectual side slip as of late. Perhaps with Charlie's life in jeopardy, Dr. McCoy may just start to rethink his priorities.

Dear X-crew,

First of all, I'd like to congratulate you guys for an awesome debut year of the all-new X-MEN comic! What art and stories!! I'll be sorry to see Jim Lee leave.

Second of all, I have just finished reading X-MEN #10, and I think Maverick is an awesome character (even though I'm not quite sure whether or not he's a hero or a villain yet). Mark Texeira draws as well as any of the other big name artists, such as Jim Lee, Sam Kieth, etc. Why is it that he's never given the credit he deserves? I would also like to know what projects he'll be doing in the near future.

And while you're at it, here are some more questions:

1) In issue #5, Maverick's eyes were glowing red. In his solo adventure, however, his eyes were normal. What's the deal here?

2) What do you have in store for Maverick?

3) Who is this Barrington guy anyway?

4) You guys at the X-Men office have always said you have something big in store for Gambit. Was that resolved in the recent X-Men/Ghost Rider crossover, or is there still more to come?

Until you decide that Nathan Summers is really Mojo, Make Mine Marvel!!!

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Hey, we kinda think that Mark Texeira's been given lots of credit, Michael. Not only has he made his name on the GHOST RIDER title, various X-MEN projects, an ETERNALS one shot, and other Epic productions, but now he is furthering himself by doing several issues of WOLVERINE, plus the upcoming SABRETOOTH limited series. More credit should he get? Okay, we'll work on it! As for the answers to your questions:

1) Obviously Maverick was using an infrared optic scanner in X-MEN #5, thus his eyes glowed red. Geez, we thought that was obvious! We'll have to do better next time!!!

2) A few guest appearances, a limited series, a movie deal, and a spot on the Tonight Show.

3) More to be revealed about Mr. Barrington. Keep watching!

4) There is still much more to come!

Dear X-People,

You'd think that a story as big as the fall of Mojo would go at least three issues (especially when you consider how big Mojo is; he'd fill up that many pages with his girth just by himself). This short little piece didn't even go two full issues. Mojo was finally overthrown; Longshot triumphant. Wasn't much build-up though. Needless to say, I was still impressed.

Nice to see Dazzler back. Longshot as well. But I guess we won't be seeing much of them now, at least for a while.

So Daz is pregnant. And the kid is Shatterstar, none other than the Sword-wielding member of X-Force who comes from the future Mojo-dimension. Wow!

It seems that Jim Lee is going to end his stint on this new X-Men title the same way he started it, with a full spread of the X-Men standing together. Deja vu.

The Maverick back-up was interesting. I like Mark Texeira's artwork, but I think it looks better on tales that are dark and gritty like the PUNISHER or GHOST RIDER, where the characters are dark and dirty. Maverick is rather bright and shiny. Therefore I think Mark's style doesn't work as well here.

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We would agree that Mark's artwork is suited for tales o' grit, Shane, but we don't agree that the character's costume is what makes the tale gritty. The grit should come from the actions of the character, not the dirt on his clothes. And, just one more note, we never said that Shatterstar of X-Force was linked to Dazz or Longshot. The name could simply be a coincidence? Yeah, that's right.

Dear X-writers,

I think that X-MEN #11 was great! I have been waiting a very long time for Dazzler, Longshot, and Lila to come back into the spotlight. They should come back for good. I would like to see another big fight with the Sentinels, or another "Extinction Agenda." I just want to see the different teams get together for a big fracas. Heck, bring in the Marauders, Apocalypse, the Upstarts, Black Tom, and the Juggernaut. Or just bring in Galactus and a very, very, very, very, big monster. It would be fun!

Karl Ransay
(Address withheld by request)

Well, if you want Galactus and the X-Men together with a few monsters, then check out the INFINITY WAR series (still on sale) Karl. But if you want to see both X-Men teams, X-Factor, X-Force, Apocalypse, Stryfe, and Mr. Sinister all going at it, then you should be getting every issue of the "X-cutioner's Song" crossover. Boy, do we ever aim to please!